



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Riverside Park SFB		
PROJECT LOCATION	East half of Section 6 in Township 1 North and Range 2 East, Humboldt B&M	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct a shaded fuel break for approximately 1500 feet along Riverside Park Drive and an additional 3300 feet flanking the northern and western most boundaries of Riverside Estates Subdivision. This project is 11 acres and will allow crews to utilize hand tools, weed eaters, chainsaws, and chippers, to reduce hazardous fuels with a combination of treatments. Treatments may include weed whacking, brush removal, limb removal, chipping, lop and scatter, and the removal of small trees within 50 feet of the road edge and within 100 feet of the property boundaries known as Riverside Estates Subdivision. The project will provide approximately 63 homes in the rural residential community with increased fire protection and provide safe egress and ingress of the frequently used road. Hazardous fuel loading and road side starts will be reduced. The project area is made up of various brush species as well as several tree species which include redwood, Douglas-fir, white fir, alder, and tanoak. Debris should not be higher than eighteen inches. The remaining trees should be spaced at a target of fourteen by fourteen foot spacing. The maximum tree diameter for removal is 8 inches. Remaining trees will be limbed to reduce ladder fuels. These fuel management activities will reduce the volume of flammable vegetation allowing the community safer access in the event of wildfire. Site disturbance will be limited to minor modification and removal of vegetation.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 4 §15301 Existing Facilities, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))


REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 1 and Class 4 Categorical Exemptions described in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Sections 15301, 15304) pertaining to existing structures and minor alterations to land, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date 3/6/15
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